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QUEMOY AND U.S. POLICY

At this writing decisions of the National Security Council seem clouded with uncertainty. Full logistic support" has been ordered in the defense of the island of Quemoy. Newspaper reports interpret this as meaning all military assistance short of the actual combat use of American manpower. Presumably, it means U.S. transfer of supplies, equipment, materiel, weapons -- including jet planes -- the training of Chinese Nationalist pilots in military operations -- how much more one only can surmise.

Quemoy is a heavily armed island, 7 miles from the Communist Chinese coast, located at the mouth of an important harbor. It has served the Nationalist Chinese government as an observation outpost. Heavy outpost defenses are located on the island. Formosa is a large island located approximately the same distance from the China coast as Cuba is from Florida. During the early stages of the war with Japan, bridges were made for the return of Formosa to China.

This provides a setting in which United States armed force participation can be drawn into limited action, or action of larger dimensions. Whither U.S. policy?

a. Surely, United States implication in the defense of Quemoy exposes the U.S. to great risks, possibly over a long period of time.

b. It raises in the minds of American citizens the question as to whether or not official policy has established a line beyond which Chinese penetration would involve active United States military participation. If so, exactly where has the line been drawn?

c. Announcements of the Secretary of State and the President in recent days have indicated that attacks upon the island of Formosa, should meet American armed resistance. How far will this go? Where would this lead?

d. Is the United States prepared on the basis of armed assistance for the defense of Quemoy and Formosa to risk a military power showdown with Communist China?

e. How far beyond this does United States

policy go? While it does not necessarily follow that the Soviet Union will become engaged as a full-fledged ally of Communist China in such a showdown of military power, certainly the possibility of this must be faced. In a step-by-step military action, beginning at Quemoy, do we have the possible beginnings of military action that would lead to the atomic-hydrogen bomb war? Do the American people support such a policy?

f. Can it be assumed that such a war would be fought only in Asia? Or, only in China and on territory of the U.S.S.R.? It will be well for the American people to know soon where they are headed.

If we are entering into a test of power in Quemoy, in China, and all Asia, what kind of power must we demonstrate in order to build a partnership with Asia and develop friendship with people who are in the infancy of a great historical development? They desperately need goodwill, justice, technical assistance, peaceful trade, and the strength which comes from America's successful experiment with principles of freedom and democracy. There are growing indications that they may prefer to forego the non-military partnership if it requires the acceptance of a predominant military program, including regional alliances in the place of reliance upon the United Nations.

Charles F. Boss, Jr.

OBSERVE U.N. DAY

Through the press President Eisenhower proclaimed October 24th as United Nations Day, requesting community programs throughout the United States to demonstrate popular support of the United Nations. Use your enclosed pamphlet for the planning of your church and community program for United Nations Day and Week. Sunday, October 24th, is also World Order Sunday. In addition, many pastors and churches observe World Peace Sunday which falls this year on Sunday, November 7th.

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A CALL TO THE CHURCHES...

"World Order Day has special significance this year because it falls on the birthday of the United Nations, October 24. This day will be observed not only in the United States, but in many other nations around the world as United Nations Day.

"The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. calls upon ministers and laymen of its constituent communions to observe World Order Day with prayers of thanksgiving for the United Nations and of penitence for our failure to dedicate ourselves fully to the task of working for peace, justice, and freedom in the world of nations. We urge our churches to study the achievements, failures, and limitations of the United Nations as an instrument of cooperation and peaceful change. We call upon our people to support United States participation in the United Nations and in other efforts through which we discharge our responsibility to the world community."

--Adopted by the General Board, May 18, 1954

When the United Nations was established there was great rejoicing in the United States. Expectation and hope ran high. Nine years have passed. The peace and security which some people thought the UN would bring have not come. Some have become disillusioned with the world organization. But the majority of people in our churches continue to support the UN as an instrument for international cooperation and peaceful change. Their support today has a quality of depth and realism it did not have in 1945, for it has been chastened by the anxieties and responsibilities of a tragically divided world and strengthened by achievements made through the UN.

Today the United States needs the UN and the UN needs the United States. We pray that our country will continue to make its major foreign policy decisions in concert with other nations, accepting with good grace the criticism and restraint that genuine partnership always carries with it.

--Bishop William C. Martin, President, National Council of Churches (Resident Bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area of The Methodist Church)

CO-EXISTENCE OF LIVING TOGETHER IN A DIVIDED WORLD

If Christians are to accomplish the fundamental task of bringing in international law, institutions and a system of peaceful solution of international conflicts to replace the system of war, Christians must be clear in their teaching and adequate in their support of statesmen and of governments working toward this end. Recognizing this, the World Council of Churches Assembly in the statement on "International Affairs" tentatively advanced the following considerations:

1. "All power carries responsibility and all nations are trustees of power which should be used for the common good.

2. "All nations are subject to moral law, and should strive to abide by the accepted principles of international law, to develop this law and to enforce it through common actions.

3. "All nations should honour their pledged word and international agreements into which they have entered.

4. "No nation in an international dispute has the right to be sole judge in its own cause or to resort to war to advance its policies, but should seek to settle disputes by direct negotiation or by submitting them to conciliation, arbitration, or judicial settlement.

5. "All nations have a moral obligation to ensure universal security and to this end should support measures designed to deny victory to a declared aggressor.

6. "All nations should recognize and safeguard the inherent dignity, worth, and essential rights of the human person, without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

7. "Each nation should recognize the rights of every other nation which observes such standards, to live by and proclaim its own political and social beliefs, provided that it does not seek by coercion, threat, infiltration or deception to impose these on other nations.

8. "All nations should recognize an obligation to share their scientific and technical skills with peoples in less developed regions, and to help the victims of disaster in other lands.

9. "All nations should strive to develop cordial relations with their neighbours, encourage friendly cultural and commercial dealings, and join in creative international effort for human welfare."

Whether or not the term co-existence is used, a modus vivendi must be found and practiced. This would provide a period of international effort without war, during which time the world's understanding and support of peaceful methods for effective change -- change which is inevitable in our universe -- could develop. Struggle and conflict of interests in a growing dynamic universe there may be, but the church cannot and does not hold that war is inevitable. The church rejects the idea of preventive war.

CRUSADE ACCELERATES!

Steps in the Crusade program are quickening. Conferences of chairmen and other members of Conference Boards of World Peace met in Cranston September 1st to 3rd, and from the Southeastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska September 6th to 8th. Representatives of the Central Jurisdiction participated in both conferences. Conference Boards of World Peace are accepting responsibility for active cooperation with, and participation in, the forthcoming Crusade movement.

With the next issue of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, a series of articles on the Crusade for World Order will be appearing. Other journals and publications, including conference Advocates, likewise are giving special attention to the Crusade. Some eight or nine seminars will be held at the United Nations between the latter part of September and the last of February.

The study booklet with chapters on THE PLANING OF PEACE, THE UNITED NATIONS, and DISARMAMENT is in preparation and will be printed and available at the time of the national meeting of the District Superintendents in Chicago November 22nd to 24th. (Price, 50¢ per copy) District meetings through Methodism are anticipated for the first and second weeks of December and for the weeks of January preceding the preaching services. It would seem that such meetings are imperative. How else will the Crusade come in direct contact with spoken word and interpretation, with the pastors, youth, laymen, and lay women of the churches? If this is done, then Methodism from coast to coast will have helped to vitalize the month of preaching on the Crusade and will have helped the laity to grasp the significance of actions which will be commended as the follow-up.

Copies of the motion picture, YOUTH AND THE CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER, referred to elsewhere, have been in use through purchase or rental through the summer months and will continue to be in use up to and through the special features of the Crusade. Your sample copy of QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER is enclosed. A supplemental statement appears in this issue of the COURIER. Curriculum materials involving the Crusade are in preparation or have been printed. Summer schools and youth institutes have considered the Crusade. District

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The alternative is the engagement of the best minds in all faiths and in all governments in the achievement of processes of peaceful change. This inevitably means progressive modification of all earthly social, economic and political systems, but it leads toward sharing in partnership of life's largest values which mankind may enjoy, and to pacific principles which work toward living in a framework of goodwill, justice and peace.

and other types of workshops have been held in many places in the church.

Some bishops have created Area Committees which are giving special attention to an effective program, as for example in the New England Area. The Council of Bishops had an exciting conference at the United Nations and are giving leadership in their respective areas and plans to the Crusade.

The Crusade ought never to end, it must lift the church to new higher levels of vision and adventure. The spirit of the Crusade -- the determination to establish world peace in the world in place of the barbarous and evil method of war -- must become a concern of Methodism and the Christian church until the goal is reached. Then it must be maintained.

Methodism is being called to high endeavor for Christ and for His Kingdom of justice, goodwill, and peace. This determination and the intelligence to carry it forward to a successful conclusion must be a dominant passion of the church for decades. The church is not interested in gadgets to be played with for a brief time and set aside; it is concerned with the establishment of justice, brotherhood and peace on earth for all time.

C.F.B.Jr.

IMPORTANT!

A Crusade for World Order booklet, "Flowers and Pruning Hooks," will soon be published by the Central Promotional Office. First distribution will be made at the District Superintendents' Conference in Chicago, November 22, 1954. Advance orders will be filled promptly after November 22 by the Central Promotional Office, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill. The price is 50¢ postpaid, cash with order. Use the order card enclosed with this issue of the COURIER.

1954: ELECTION YEAR

Christian citizens who wish to use their ballot in the fall elections intelligently should be sure to secure a copy of the ROLL CALL ON THE 83RD CONGRESS which contains the voting records of senators and representatives on selected key issues. Available from the Board of World Peace, 10¢ per copy, \$7.50 per 100.

Note: The 1955 edition of REGISTER CHRISTIAN OPINION! will be ready about February 1, 1955. Orders for R.C.O. may be sent to the Board of World Peace in December and January. 10¢ each, 50¢ per 12, \$2.50 per 100.

NEW CRUSADE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Will the study of the Crusade objectives be in three booklets or in one?

ANSWER: One booklet of three chapters on (1) The Meaning of Peace, (2) The United Nations, (3) Disarmament. NOTE: The Board of World Peace will make available pamphlets on U.N. Charter review and revision.

2. When will the study booklet be ready?

ANSWER: At the time of the next national meeting of the district superintendents in Chicago November 22-24.

3. How will the booklet be used locally?

ANSWER: Probably during the three weeks in February with the expectation of large attendance from the congregation at a study night in the week for each of the objectives following the three Sunday sermons respectively. It may and should be used over longer periods of group study by smaller groups and be read by members of the congregation.

4. How much will the booklet cost?

ANSWER: 50¢ per copy. Checks and money orders or cash must accompany all orders from individuals or local churches. Booklets cannot be sent on consignment. Orders should be sent to the Central Promotional Office. See card enclosed.

5. Will there be district meetings or conferences of pastors, laymen, youth leaders, WSCS leaders, etc?

ANSWER: Yes. The district superintendents will be expected to provide such meetings and will be given the details of the program for such meetings to be held in December or January when they meet in November.

6. What should local church chairmen of peace committees, district secretaries of world peace, etc., do?

ANSWER: First, the district secretary of world peace should contact the district superintendent immediately by telephone or personal consultation offering his cooperation at such points as they may agree upon. There will be announcements to be made at preachers' meetings, there will be youth meetings to discuss the issues. The women's societies will be desirous of fully participating. A motion picture, YOUTH AND THE CRUSADE FOR WORLD ORDER, described elsewhere in this mailing, may be purchased or rented. Help will be needed in supplying posters, pamphlets, and other phases of service in connection with the district meetings. (If your district has no secretary of world peace or district committee, see that one is organized and write to the Board of World Peace in Chicago for information on organization and program.) Second, check with every local church. If the names and addresses of the chairman and members of the world peace committee are not available, see that they are secured, retain a copy and send a duplicate to the Board of World Peace in Chicago. All churches which do

not have a world peace committee should name a competent active person to work with the pastor on the local church peace program. Third, the district secretary can help inspire and actively propose the world peace program in local churches both during and following the Crusade for World Order special emphases. Fourth, the local church peace chairman and committee should contact the pastor and offer co-operation in promoting the study and urging full attendance at the February meetings, in securing and displaying literature in the local church, in getting publicity for the preaching services of the Crusade program, etc. Fifth, in cases where the district has no other means of public relations, the district secretary might well assist in news releases to newspapers, to radio and television stations, etc.

AN APPEAL TO METHODISTS

Miss Elizabeth Lee of the staff of the METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF recently returned from two months in Europe where she visited twenty-two cities to get firsthand information on the refugee situation. By talking with many refugees, she gained an understanding of why The Methodist Church should help some of these worthy homeless to settle in the United States under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act. Her survey took her to Holland, Belgium, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Trieste and Italy. From this intimate background Miss Lee makes a fresh appeal to Methodists to offer sponsorships quickly. (Editor's Note)

HELP BUILD WORLD ORDER FOR THE HOMELESS!

1. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief acting for the denomination, undertakes to find sponsors for 5,000 refugees who may come to live in America under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act.

2. 2,500 to 3,000 Methodists must offer housing and a job to these people, most of whom will come in family units, family units needing only one sponsor.

3. DO IT QUICKLY! No refugee visa will be issued after December 31, 1956, when the Act expires. It takes 8 months or more to get a refugee documented, screened and ready to sail.

4. Up to September 2, MCOR had received only 153 bona fide sponsorships, which were forwarded to Washington. In addition, only 171 inquiries about sponsorships had come to the office. THIS IS NOT THE WAY METHODISTS USUALLY RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED -- NOR THE WAY CHRISTIANS SHOULD.

5. For you or your church, WORLD ORDER MAY WELL BEGIN by helping a homeless family find a home in America. Those who gave up everything to escape from behind the Iron Curtain seek the justice and order that will keep our world free for all.

OFFER A SPONSORSHIP TODAY!

Write to Elizabeth Lee, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.